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Junior aviation majors Thomas Va (right) and Zach Hinton perform a flight simulation approach Wednesday afternoon in the Industrial Studies building. The virtual

simulation has been a part of SJSU's aviation training for several years.  
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# Aviation team aiming towards the sky

After failing to qualify for national competition, team vows to improve

by **Chris Marian**  
Staff Writer

The San Jose State University Precision Flight Team placed fourth at the 2011 SAFECON regional competition hosted by the National Intercollegiate Flying Association, landing outside

the top three bracket necessary to advance to the national competition.

The annual competition pits teams of pilots and aviation students from colleges across the Western United States against each other in tests of piloting precision.

For the SJSU Precision Flight Team, the competition is the focal point of an entire semester's worth of training, but according to Calen Daher, the team's captain, it just wasn't enough this time around.

"It was close," he said. "We didn't do as good as we wanted to."

Team coach Luca Vezzuto said he agreed with Daher's sentiment.

"The competition was really, really stiff this year," Vezzuto said. "As we stepped up our game, so did they."

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University took first place, Daher said, which was no surprise to him.

Daher said Embry-Riddle, which unlike the other competitors, is a dedicated aviation school that usually takes first place.

Second place went to Mount San Antonio College, and third place went to San Diego Christian University.

Daher said the competition was hosted in Arizona this year, at Embry-Riddle's Western campus, just outside the town of Prescott.

"It was a long flight — almost six hours," he said.

Daher said the team flew three light aircraft — a Cessna 172 and a pair of Cessna 152's — all the way to Arizona from the team's home base at Reid-Hillview airport in San Jose.

As was customary for the team, he said the pilots arrived several days

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# VP finalist addresses campus at open forum

by **Aliza Saeed**  
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The future associate vice president for enrollment services will be a part of new technological advancements and other changes in the enrollment department, according to Itza Sanchez, administrative assistant to the associate vice president.

For example, the IT department is trying to launch a scanning device which will electronically submit the transcript for prospective graduate and undergraduate students, rather than a manual entry into the system, Sanchez said.

"It's an important position to be filled, and we are obviously all excited about whoever comes in for this position," she said.

On Monday, the second finalist for the associated vice president of enrollment services position, Jill Orcutt, spoke at an open forum for the campus community.

On Nov. 28th, the search committee announced the two final candidates; Jill Orcutt and Robert Seltzer — Seltzer's open forum took place last Wednesday.

According to Orcutt's profile, her current position at University of Washington Bothell is director of admission. She served as associate director of admissions and operations at Central Washington University from 2000 to 2007.

At the open forum, Orcutt spoke about why she would make a good candidate for the associated vice

president position and how she would contribute to the enrollment services department in the near future.

"I'm a very competitive and logical person and I think I will bring strong leadership skills to the department," Orcutt said.

She said she has experience in offices of the president, admissions, registrar, financial aid and scholarship and student records.

After explaining her background in financial aid and scholarship office, she said, "You have to be passionate about higher education and provide good customer service to students about financial aid."

Orcutt talked about ways to make applying simpler for transfer students before and after coming to SJSU.

"It's about working out through the process," she said. "Students need consistent academic advising, good recruiting and direct help on their majors."

Drew Agbay, lead admissions counselor and recruitment coordinator, said he really liked how Orcutt touched on her competitive nature, her drive to improve and her passion for her career.

Agbay also attended the open forum last Wednesday on Seltzer — he said both candidates have strengths.

"Based on their expertise, they can both be beneficial to student services," he said.

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Forensics tournament participant Morgan McKnight performs Ron Hansen's dark poem "My Kids Dog" in the oral interpretation competition.

**Photo by Jasper Rubenstein / Spartan Daily**

# Raise up your voices and speak: Debate skills honed in tourney

by **Jackson Wright**  
Staff Writer

SJSU communication students competed in the 2011 intramural forensics tournament, an exercise in public speaking hosted by the SJSU forensics team that is part of final exams for many on Friday in Gillis Hall.

"I like to think of (the competition) as putting your money where your mouth is," said Genelle Austin-Lett, forensics department director.

This year, members of five communication classes grappled against one another in platform speaking, oral interpretation and parliamentary debate, in the largest incarnation of the bi-annual event that has ever been held at SJSU, ac-

cording to a press release about the event.

"You can take it as a final for your classes, or you can take it and get credit for school," said kinesiology sophomore Shannon Penn, who is enrolled in Performing Culture and Society. "So for me, I was going to do the one unit and compete so I can get credit for my class."

Competitors showed off the skills in argumentation, speech giving and portraying their interpretation of literature that they honed in their class over the semester.

The event exists for students to earn extra units, learn the process of judging such events, as well as gain

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# Where has the four-year degree gone?

Statistics show graduating with the traditional plan is becoming increasingly rare

by **Jonathan Roisman**  
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Samuel Adams, junior health sciences major, is going to have to spend an extra semester at SJSU to graduate.

Between changing his major, working at least 25 hours a week and trying to finish all his course work, Adams, 22, said there was very little chance he would receive his bachelors degree in health sciences in four years.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, a branch of the U.S. Department of Education that measures a broad range of education statistics in the country, 36.4 percent of first-time college students who enrolled in 2002 to American universities graduated within four years.

57.3 percent of students who enrolled in 2002 graduated within six years, according to the Center.

Adams, who enrolled at SJSU as a freshman in 2008, said he didn't feel as if he was missing out on anything for taking longer than four years to graduate, but said it was not ideal.

"I'm kind of bummed at myself that I had the possibility at the beginning of school (to graduate in four years)," he said.

Despite all of his financial responsibilities, such as paying rent and car insurance, Adams said finishing school quickly was a top priority.

Cindy Kato, director of academic advising and retention services, said she is not surprised that students take more than four years to graduate or juggle multiple responsibilities while attending school.

"Costs have gone through the roof and the state is providing less for education," Kato said.

"Students are working more and students these days have a slightly different lifestyle," she said, noting that a

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■ COMMENTARY

# Groupon provides businesses with new tool, but does it work?

## It's not so clear if this deal-a-day site really makes business sense

by Chris Marian  
Staff Writer

For Joan Phillips, executive director of the Bay Area Glass Institute, Groupon Inc. did exactly what it was supposed to do.

“It’s brought in thousands of dollars for us,” she said.

The Bay Area Glass Institute is a small San Jose business aimed at teaching prospective students the art of glassmaking.

It is, as Phillips put it, a two-person operation at most.

Phillips said the institute has used Groupon’s online discount voucher services for several years to offer “discovery classes” to potential students, who might otherwise have balked at the \$160 to \$180 price tag such a class would usually command.

However, with a voucher purchased from Groupon, such a class would only cost \$79, Phillips said.

“We’ve been successful in bringing people into the studio, but haven’t really been able to use the whole potential of Groupon,” she said.

Phillips said her studio’s small staff would actually be incapable of providing regular classes to the number of people Groupon deals have brought into the “discovery classes” — which is a moot point, Phillips said, because few people come back anyway.

“That’s part of the problem,” she said.

It’s a problem, which according to news anecdotes and research studies, is endemic to small business dealing with Groupon’s service, but not one that deters them from using it.

Groupon began in Chicago in 2008 as the brainchild of young CEO Andrew Mason.

With financial support from now-billionaire Eric Lefkowsky and the New Enterprise Associates venture capitalist firm, Groupon has intended to act as a sales promotion tool for its clients.

The company’s website, Groupon.com, offers its subscribers one-day-only deals via email and Twitter to its subscribers. These deals are usually in the form of deeply discounted vouchers for a client company’s products or services.

In the case of the Bay Area Glass Institute, it’s a half-off voucher for a slot in one of their classes. For a restaurant, like Lee’s Sandwiches on Santa Clara and 7th Street, it might be for a meal for two at the price of one. For a theatre like The Stage, it might be for tickets to a particular show.

Groupon.com attempts to customize its offers to where its customers live, giving mutual benefit to expose people to local businesses with big discounts.

The kinds of deep discounts offered in Groupon deals — 50 percent to 75 percent off, for example — means that most businesses don’t usually expect to make a profit from the sale itself. The incentive to use Groupon is primarily as a marketing tool.

Groupon does not ask for an upfront payment for its services from client companies — instead it takes a 50 percent cut of the profit from a successful sale.

Business owners like Phillips say they are willing to

take a short term loss in order to get customers “through the doors” and hopefully entice them to come back for regularly price deals.

Groupon isn’t alone in the deal-of-the-day-site market, but it is the biggest, having absorbed several smaller competitors and serving markets all over the planet.

Tim Hendrick, assistant advertising professor, is unimpressed by Groupon’s apparently swift success.

“Just because you’re first to market doesn’t mean you’re the best,” he said.

Hendrick said Groupon’s current business model is likely unsustainable. The problem, he said, is the enormous cost of getting new customers every day.

The company itself is also grossly unprofitable, something which came to light when it filed for an initial public offering in June, when the SEC and the company’s investors took a closer at Groupon’s books.

In its initial filing, the company used an unusual system called “Adjusted Consolidated Segment Operating Income,” which essentially omitted a massive chunk of the company’s costs from its books.

After coming under fire from the SEC, the company returned to more traditional accounting methods, which soon showed that the company was effectively insolvent, having costs dramatically outstripping revenues, and having paid out the majority of its

Graphics courtesy of Groupon.com



“These models are a really big question. The jury is still out.”

— Tim Hendrick, assistant advertising professor

“You have to have an enormous sales staff for beating the streets to get those sales,” he said.

According to a 2011 report produced by Forrester Research Analyst Sucharita Mulpuru, Groupon employed 990 salespeople in North America alone at the end of the second quarter in 2011.

The 2011 Forrester report details a number of weaknesses in Groupon’s business model — including the excessively high cost of maintaining its sales force and getting new customers on a daily basis.

The report claims to be based on a survey of online deal-of-the-day subscribers, detailing some of the difficulties that many businesses encounter when using the Groupon system, calling Groupon deals “wolves in sheeps’ clothing.”

Some of the problems cited by the report include: a poor rate of returning customers, a high rate of returns of purchased items, the generation of the deal-hunting customer, and the poor rate of actual usage among subscribers.

According to the report, 36 percent of deal-of-the-day subscribers have not actually used the service in the last year.

According to CNN, Groupon has 116 million subscribers, but only 23 million of those have used the service more than once.

remaining funds to its founders and initial investors.

New investors have, predictably, become less enthusiastic with the company.

According to the BBC, Groupon’s share prices have fallen 20 percent in the last month since its original public offering.

Andrew Mason and other Groupon officials have told news organizations that their company’s apparent instability is more than offset by its growth potential.

Groupon has, indeed, been one of the fastest growing businesses in history, becoming a multi-billion dollar business in only a few years since its creation.

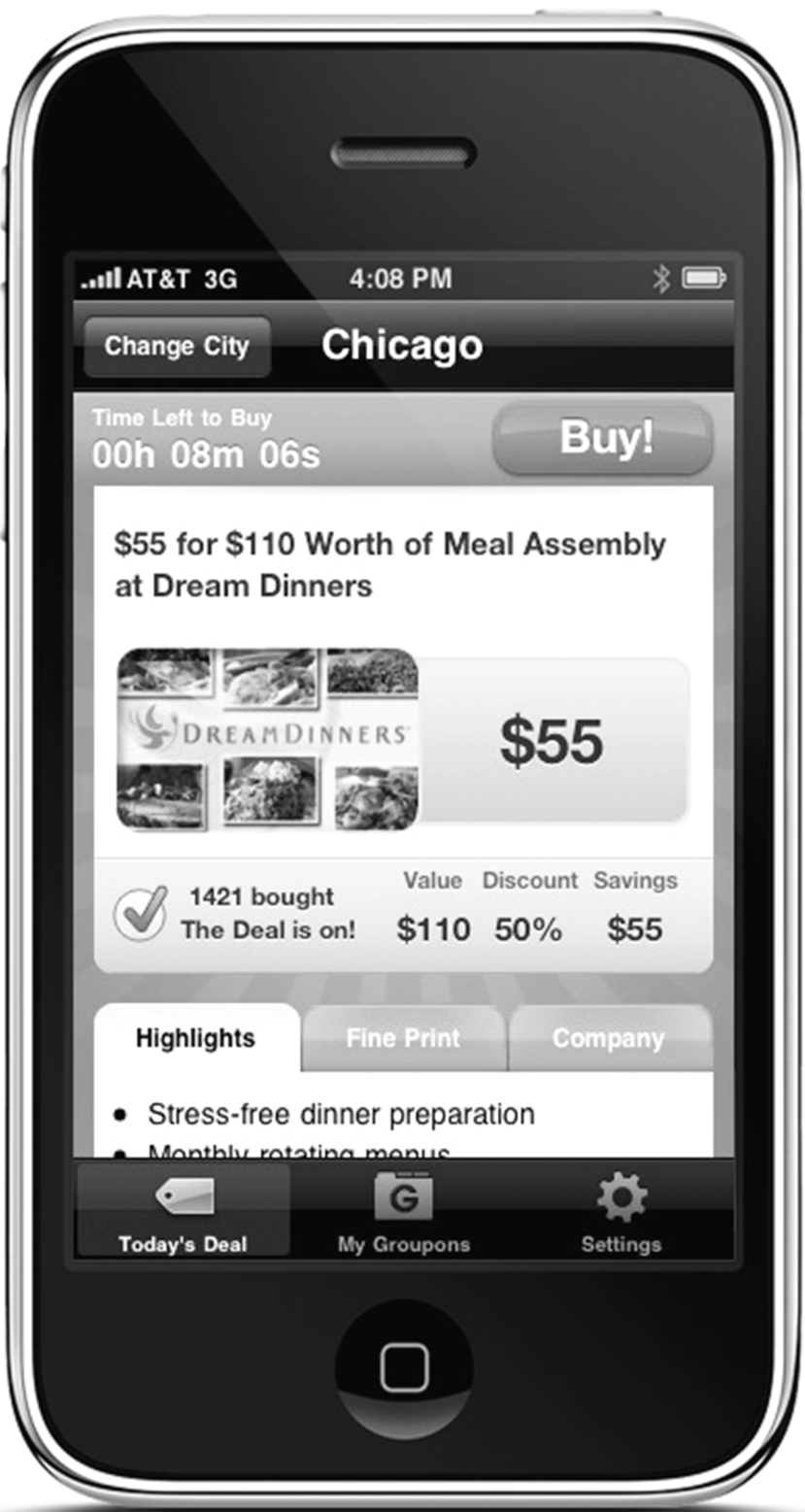
Many business experts, like Hendrick, are less than sure of the viability of new company strategies.

“These models are a really big question,” he said. “The jury is still out.”

Hendrick also cited competition from local competitors as a major threat to companies like Groupon.

The 2011 Forrester report recommended that deal-of-the-day companies brace for a decrease in sales as sources are exhausted, turn to a more traditional advertisement approach, and adopt a local-business-loyalty approach.

It remains to be seen if Groupon will do any of these things — or survive.



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The Porchetta sandwich (Italian pork roast) served on a baguette with arugula and pickled apples for a mix of salty and sweet at Hay Market in Willow Glen. **Photo by Jeffrey Cianci / Spartan Daily**

# Hay Market serves creative delights

by Jeffrey Cianci  
Staff Writer

Joe Cirone has been working in the restaurant business for almost 20 years, and his new idea on how the South Bay has dinner is Hay Market.

For most of this San Jose native's career, Cirone has been helping others design and open restaurants as a consultant.

Right out of college, Cirone worked as a menu designer with several restaurants, before deciding to enroll at Peter Kump Cooking School in New York.

After graduating from Peter Kump, Cirone worked with several others as a consultant, helping open numerous restaurants around the country and working with well-known chefs, such as David Kinch who currently heads the Michelin two-star restaurant Manresa in Los Gatos.

Cirone enjoyed working as a consultant but said it can be difficult with his obsession-to-detail personality.

"You've always got somebody over your shoulder," Cirone said. "I'm a bit of a stickler and I get ideas set, outside of that I still have to make people happy."

After helping others open their restaurants, Cirone returned to the Bay Area, using what he learned as a consultant and opened Hay Market, his own unique restaurant in Willow Glen.

"Doing this, the only one I get to blame is myself if it doesn't work right," Cirone said of his first business.

## NEVER DO THE SAME THING TWICE

With backing from his father and a close family friend, Cirone purchased an open property on Lincoln Avenue, which had already been fitted as a restaurant, making renovation easy for Cirone.

The small bistro is decorated like a barn, with bales of hay in the front window, a small tractor, old books and old wooden crates to finish the Americana motif.

Cirone said he gathered items from several family farms such as old tools, shelves and refrigerators, as well as through scouring Craigslist's farm equipment on a daily basis.

"I was the one picking through the closets finding funky stuff and I held on to it, that is where a lot of this came from," Cirone said describing his artifact collecting. "Somebody will say, 'it came from your heart' well I really don't think of it that way, it just seems to fit and work."

Several tall wooden tables, built by Cirone and his father, serve for the restaurant's communal seating, a social experiment of sorts that can be exciting or fall flat depending on the guests.

"It's fun, it creates an eclectic atmosphere, but when you've got a cold table where nobody is talking to each other, it sticks out like a sore thumb," Cirone said, adding he would rather see guests sharing food and wine and the experience of their meals together.

Cirone likes to say he never does the same thing twice. That is true for the restaurants he opens as well as the menu items at Hay Market.

"This happens on a daily basis here, we never do the same thing twice — all of that said, its an aggressive daily process," Cirone said.

Large chalkboards on the wall display Hay Market's daily changing menu.

Cirone and his chefs use fresh local ingredients, working with available produce of the season to create a menu that is pleasing to the customer and economically smart for the restaurant.

"It's easier financially for me," Cirone said of a menu dictated by the market. "I'm online every night checking the pricing knowing, 'Well I'm not going to do that tomorrow, I'm going to do this because it is coming out of the ground.'"

## GETTING TO PLAY WITH FOOD

Hay Market's Sous-Chef Benjamin Thomas was a plumber for 16 years before he went to the Professional Culinary Institute in Campbell.

"Joe just lets us play," Thomas said. "Literally we come up with things and he likes it and he's like 'Okay cool let's do it — it's a hodgepodge of everybody's ideas.'"

Thomas, who has his own garden with several chickens, said other than the environmental aspect of it, using local

and organic produce is just enjoyable for him.

"I just think it's fun, I'd rather have stuff that I grow and people I know grow, it's interesting," Thomas said.

With the changing menu, Thomas said there have been many dishes to try and develop but he spoke of several as favorites such as oxtails with foie gras and mascarpone as well as pork shanks cooked several hours in apple juice.

When asked why Hay Market is so unique to the Bay Area, Thomas's answer was simple.

"No one is doing it," Thomas said with a laugh. "No one is doing this communal table, the menu changes daily and you're not getting your average food here, everything tastes amazing."

## THE CRITICS' CALL

From start to finish dining at Hay Market is an enjoyably different experience.

You seat yourself at one of the large communal tables and order from what is available on the chalkboards.

At lunch, I enjoyed a delicious pork sandwich with pickled apples and whole-grain mustard served on a cutting board.

For dinner, a duck liver risotto was smooth, savory and filling.

Your check arrives with warm, damp towels and temporary tattoos, and you pay and sign the bill on an iPad — a fitting touch of cool for a Silicon Valley restaurant.

I believe Cirone's Hay Market can really take off — the unique concept of the restaurant is a breath of much needed fresh air in a scene saturated with taquerias and chain restaurants.

While guests may need to get use to the new style such as communal tables and a changing menu, they will be rewarded with fresh delicious meals and a pleasing experience shared with other foodies.

# Drink of the Week: Trials' Duvel Golden Ale

by Matthew Gerrig  
Managing Editor

Walking to Trials is a bit of a hoof, compared to the broad selection of bars and eateries immediately surrounding campus, but the more relaxed atmosphere is worth it.

There's no thumping music and flashing lights here, no novelty cocktails and per capita, utterances of the word "bro" are thankfully low.

The beer selection is somewhat more sophisticated as well.

I chose a bottle of Duvel Golden Ale, a strong Belgian beer, served in a tulip glass.

The beer has a medium body, gold color and a thin frothy head.

The flavor is complex — it's sweet overall, with strong fruit and herb components and a tangy aroma, both common to most Belgian beers.

The carbonation is lighter than most beers and while it goes down smooth, it's definitely made for sipping and savoring.

The experience of drinking it is more like a glass of fine wine than a typical pub pint.

Of course, at \$7 a glass,



Trials' Duvel Golden Ale is a light, fruit and herb flavored Belgian beer served in a tulip glass. **Photo by Jack Barnwell / Spartan Daily**

it'll cost you more than a few bottles of some wines, but it's worth the price to come in from the cold, sit

on the old fashioned leather armchairs by the window and sip a strong brew that's sure to warm your bones.

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# Communications students dress up and sell

by Chris Marian  
Staff Writer

Dressed in a snappy suit and wielding a friendly handshake, junior communications studies major Bryan Fisher welcomed visitors to his table at the smartphone application trade show held Friday by the department of communications studies.

About a half dozen small teams of well-dressed students assembled in the Pacifica Room inside the Student Union to hawk their concepts for student-friendly smartphone programs in a real-world exercise designed to hone their marketing and presentation skills.

Fisher described the trade show activity as a cooperative venture between two classes from the department of communication studies — Persuasive and Presentation Skills and Business and Professional Speaking.

Justin Gallugioni, a junior communications studies major, said the trade show activity brought together two different types of students onto the same teams, since students from Business and Professional Speaking were mostly business majors, and students from Persuasive and Presentation Skills were mostly communication studies types.

“It just gets both parties on the same page,” he said.

Gallugioni was part of a team including two other students, Anamarie Rodriguez and Henry Chiu, both communication studies juniors, presenting an app designed to streamline office appointment scheduling by actively tracking appointment schedules, numbers and availability and informing the user about necessary paperwork for the visit in question.

Rodriguez said this app would be especially relevant to the bu-

reaucracy-heavy lives of college students.

Marjorie Hazeltine, a lecturer for the department of communication studies, described the trade show as the brain-child of SJSU professor Tina Lim, who had organized a similar activity for her students in Business and Professional Speaking the previous semester.

Hazeltine said this was the first time that Genelle Austin-Lett’s Persuasive and Presentation Skills class had been involved as well, and that throwing business and communications students together on the same project teams was very much the point of the exercise.

“If your marketing person isn’t good, it doesn’t matter how good your product is,” she said, describing the relationship between the two groups of students.

Hazeltine said the projects were important exercises in communication between students who came up with ideas, and those who then had to sell them.

She also stressed the importance of giving students the opportunity to test their skills outside of a classroom environment.

“Sometimes (students) think of classroom activities as removed from the real world,” she said. “It’s not about impressing your teacher, it’s about impressing other people — that’s the genius of it.”

“(Lim) really wanted her students to do something that had actual stakes,” she said.

Many of the students participating in the trade show also described the value it had in generating real-world experience.

Tiffany Quan, a business administration junior, said learning the theory



Senior computer engineering major Erin Warren, studies a demonstration for a student produced smartphone app on Friday afternoon in the Student Union’s Pacifica Room. **Photo by Jack Barnwell / Spartan Daily**

of in-person sales pitches in a classroom was a very different experience than actually trying it in practice.

“Marketing is all about presenting yourself,” she said, citing subtle things like choice of dress, personal bearing, vocal delivery and even appropriate hygiene as things one has to learn by doing.

Quan worked on a team with three other students, Esther Costa and Valentina Berry, both communications studies juniors, and Jasvir Deol, an accounting junior.

The four students presented an app called “Words for Success,” essentially a job search aid and resume builder.

“It’s really applicable to college students,” Deol said.

Having a functional app wasn’t a requirement of the trade show, Hazeltine said, though some teams had done some consulting and preliminary work with engineers.

“The best apps researched that — is this even feasible?” said Hazeltine, who cited some of the legal, as well as technical, challenges in producing a viable app.

In the future, Hazeltine said she thought it would be a good idea to involve engineering students in the trade show as well, thus completing “a triad” of concept, production and marketing.

Regardless, Hazeltine said she was very pleased with this semester’s show, and added Lim plans on holding another trade show next semester.

“I think it was a success,” she said.

## VP: Technological push on the way with change in office

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According to Sanchez, the hiring process and interviews for this position is a daylong endeavor.

She said Orcutt has been attending back-to-back meetings since she flew in from Washington last night.

“Last night she had dinner with the chair of the committee and the VP, her potential new boss,” Sanchez said.

She said the back-to-back meetings that started today at 7 a.m. were with Nancy Bussani, vice president of university advancement, a management team of academic affairs including college and associate deans, direct reports, the campus community and the search committee.

Sanchez said the open forum is for people who don’t have direct contact with the position, but still want to participate in the selection.

“There is an online evaluation survey for campus communities to give their feedback on the candidate,” she said.

According to Sanchez, the search committee will most likely announce their future associate vice president by spring 2012. The search committee is comprised of several department heads from university advancement, associated students and the student union, faculty from the student health center and enrollment services, professors and the director of MOSAIC.

The position is being vacated by current assistant vice president, Colleen Brown, who will be retiring after three years.

# DEGREE: How possible is it to graduate within four years?

FROM PAGE 1

lot of students are accustomed to living with cellphones and other personal electronics and working more to maintain their lifestyle.

“We all spend to our capacity,” Kato said. “It’s hard not to.”

She said more students these days work more to help support their family, which can conflict with school.

“(Some students) are going full-time, but the fact of the matter is they’re not passing their courses,” she said. “If they’re failing, that lengthens the time to get their degree.”

According to a study published by the private research organization, National Bureau of Economic Research, in 2010 titled “Increasing Time to Baccalaureate Degree in the United States,” the average time for completion of a bachelor’s degree increased from 4.7 years in 1972 to five years in 1992.

Kato said many students at SJSU were the first in their families to go to college and that in general they had a tougher time balancing their personal lives with school.

“Those students are more likely to work more, and their parents are more likely to have a lower socioeconomic situation,” Kato said.

Kato cited other factors for longer graduation times, including students who were not prepared for all the required studying.

“Students tend to be less and less prepared for heavy academic work coming out of high school,” she said.

Kato said academic advising was “absolutely crucial” for all students because it was easy to get off course towards graduation.

friends,” Wollbrinck, 23, said when she realized some of her classes overlapped and fulfilled the same requirement.

Wollbrinck, who enrolled at SJSU out of high school in fall 2006, said she would graduate this fall, five and a half years after enrolling.

She said not seeing an adviser early on threw off her progress by more than a year.

And she is not the only one.

Austin Neville, San Francisco State University broadcasting major, said he rarely saw an adviser for the first two years at the community college he attended before transferring, and said he had to spend a third year at community college in part because he did not see an adviser.

“I didn’t consult with an adviser, so I didn’t know what classes to take,” he said.

Neville, 21, said he was stubborn when it came to getting academic advising.

“I thought I knew what I was doing,” he said.

Neville said, however, between balancing his work and school schedules, it would have been nearly impossible to graduate in four years.

prove the time it takes a student to graduate as it streamlines the transfer process,” Chapin stated in an email. “The bill addresses the fact that many transfer students take extra courses that may not correctly transfer into a CSU program, which can lead to taking more time to graduate.”

Signed into legislation last year by the state government, SB 1440’s objective is to give students another way of transferring to the CSU program by designing transferable associate degrees that meet CSU requirements, according to the bill’s official website.

“Upon completion of the associate degree, the student is eligible for transfer with junior standing into the California State University (CSU) system,” the website stated.

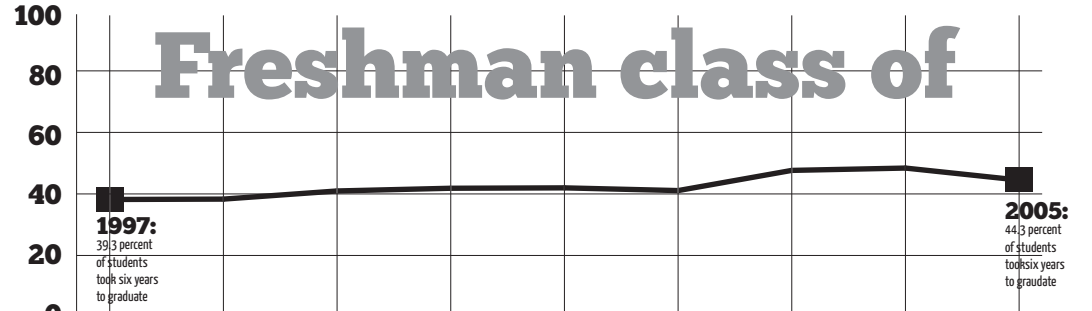
Chapin also said some majors require more than the standard 120 units for a bachelors degree, such as engineering.

She said other things delayed graduation, such as students who had other things to do besides just go to school.

“Many students in the CSU work and have other commitments,” Chapin said. “Many of our students don’t maintain continuous enrollment, meaning that they may not take classes for one semester for one reason or another.”

According to a report published by the Office of Institutional Research at SJSU in 2010, only 41.6 percent of first-time freshmen who enrolled at SJSU in 2002 received a degree within six years.

## 6 Year Graduation Rates at SJSU



Source: SJSU Office of Institutional Research website  
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About 51.6 percent of first-time freshmen received a degree within eight years, while 62.0 percent of transfer students graduated within five years of arriving at SJSU, according to the report.

Some students, however, are not overly concerned when they graduate.

Kevin Anderson, a radio, television and film major at SJSU, said it would take at least an extra semester to graduate, but made a lot of connections

that could help him after he is finished.

Plus, he does not want to place all of the blame on the school for the extra semester, although finding classes was tough sometimes, he said.

“The thing to do is to blame the CSUs, but I’m kind of a lazy bastard,” he said.

Anderson, 21, said his biggest motivation to graduate was to help his parents.

“My parents would be stoked because they wouldn’t

have to pay for as much and that’s my main motivation to (graduate),” he said.

Kato said she hoped students got more out of school than just a degree.

“It’s important that those of us in higher education who value advanced degrees need be really careful (that) we’re not elitists,” Kato said. “It’s not for everyone. A happy, satisfying life is not the same for everybody. We’re here to educate.”

“Those students are more likely to work more, and their parents are more likely to have a lower socioeconomic situation,” Kato said.

Kato cited other factors for longer graduation times, including students who were not prepared for all the required studying.

“Students tend to be less and less prepared for heavy academic work coming out of high school,” she said.

Kato said academic advising was “absolutely crucial” for all students because it was easy to get off course towards graduation.

“We find that some high-unit seniors, for one reason or another, have never gotten the academic advising they need,” Kato said.

Jenna Wollbrinck, senior business administration major, agrees.

“I started going to advisers and stopped listening to my

“I had to change my work schedule so that I had more time to get my school work done.”

Elizabeth Chapin, a public affairs spokesperson with the CSU Chancellor’s office, said the CSU does not have a program specifically aimed to speed up graduation times, but there were other programs that she said could be helpful.


“SB 1440, the community college transfer bill, will im-

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# Men’s basketball takes loss in double OT thriller

Staff Report

The SJSU men’s basketball team lost the lead in the final seconds of the second overtime period, ultimately losing to the Weber State Wildcats 91-89 on Saturday night at the Dee Events Center in Ogden, Utah.

“It’s unacceptable that we lost, but our guys had a lot of fight,” said SJSU head coach George Nessman in a post-game interview. “Fatigue may have entered into it, but we played with tremendous toughness and character.”

In the final minute of the second overtime period, Spartans’ sophomore guard Keith Shamburger stole the ball and was fouled by Weber State senior forward Darin Mahoney.

SJSU got its only lead in the second overtime period when Shamburger converted two free throws after he was fouled, making the score 89-88.

The Wildcats regained the lead when Weber State junior guard Damien Lillard made a layup and was fouled by Shamburger with 17 seconds left in the period.

Lillard, an Oakland, Calif. native, then converted his free throw following Shamburger’s foul.

Lillard is the nation’s leading scorer, averaging 25.2 points per game — he finished the game with 41 points, scoring 14 in the second half and 17 in the two overtime periods.

“Lillard is a great player for his team. We did a great job on him until the last 10 minutes of the game,” Nessman said. “I don’t know if we’ll face a scorer that good the rest of the season.”

SJSU junior guard James Kinney had the ball for SJSU’s final possession, but could not get a shot off as Lillard stole the



Junior guard James Kinney scans the floor during the Spartans’ 72-66 victory over the Roadrunners of the University of Texas at San

ball from him, sealing the victory for Weber State.

The Spartans had a chance to win the game in regulation after Kinney converted two free throws with less than 30 seconds left, making the score 67-64 in favor of SJSU.

But Lillard forced overtime when he made a 3-point basket with 13 seconds left in the second half.

Kinney finished the game with 28 points, scoring 23 of

them after halftime.

This makes it the third game of SJSU’s previous five in which Kinney led the team in scoring.

SJSU senior forward Wil Carter finished the game with a career-high 19 points and Spartans senior guard Calvin Douglas finished with a season-high 18 points.

“The big thing is we’re learning court toughness,” Nessman said. “We have to persevere.”

Antonio on Nov. 30. Kinney led the team in scoring with 28 points in the loss to Weber State. **Photo by Vernon McKnight / File Photo**

SJSU had three players play at least 40 minutes in the game — Shamburger, Douglas and senior center Matt Ballard.

Shamburger and Carter did not leave the court throughout the overtime periods until they were fouled out during the second overtime.

Along with his 18 points, Douglas recorded two assists and three rebounds.

SJSU freshman forward Stephon Smith played 20 minutes

off the bench, recording three points and seven rebounds, six of which came on defense.

“Stephon had the best game of his young career, and Calvin is always one of our key guys,” Nessman said.

SJSU’s next game will be Wednesday night in Berkeley against the University of California.

*Information and quotes compiled from SJSU Athletics.*

# Trio of SJSU football players named to all-conference team

## Ihenacho, Johnson and Otten recognized

Staff Report

Three players from the SJSU football team were named to the All-Western Athletic Conference first-team on Monday.

Senior safety Duke Ihenacho and juniors, tight end Ryan Otten and defensive end Travis Johnson were given the honor, voted on by the coaches of the WAC’s eight teams at the completion of the regular season on Nov. 26.

Ihenacho was named to the first-team All-WAC squad for the third time in four years, becoming just the fourth Spartan player to be awarded the all-conference honor three times in SJSU history, and the first to do so since defensive back Gerald Small in 1977.

Ihenacho had 73 total tackles, one interception, a team-high six pass break-ups and two forced fumbles in his senior season at SJSU.

Otten was second on the team with 739 yards receiving in 11 games played, and also led SJSU with five touchdowns on the season. His 67.2 receiving yards per game is best in the nation among tight ends.

Johnson is ranked 12th in the nation with 9.5 sacks, as well as ranked 28th with 15.5 tackles for a loss. He also finished tied with Ihenacho for third on the team with 73 tackles.

The postseason awards



SJSU junior tight end Ryan Otten during the Spartans’ 34-24 victory over the New Mexico State Aggies on Sept. 24. Otten recorded 739

continued with sophomore linebacker Keith Smith, junior offensive tackle David Quessenberry, sophomore wide receiver Noel Grigsby and senior running back

receiving yards and five touchdowns during the 2011 season. **Photo by Vernon McKnight / File Photo**

Brandon Rutley, who were all named to the second-team All-WAC.

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# AVIATION: Flight team touches down after national competition

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before the other teams to get acquainted with the local environment before the competition began.

Daher said this was partly to help prep for the navigation event, in which flight crews from each team attempt to fly a pre-determined course around a set of local waypoints while staying inside very tightly defined time and fuel-burn parameters.

Arriving early also helped the team get used to local weather conditions, Daher said, as altitude and temperature have a great impact on aircraft performance.

“Getting acclimated to the environment is a good thing,” he said. “We found out that scraping ice off the airplane isn’t very fun.”

Daher said morning ice wasn’t the only problem.

“(The weather) was pretty bad, it actually snowed,” he said, describing an incident in which a blizzard swept over the airport unexpectedly during practice.

Despite the fourth place finish this year, Daher said there were moments to be proud of — including one member, Nick Grathwohl, who placed in the top 10 in the E6B Flight Computer event.

Daher said another team member, Jeremy Schmidt, placed fifth in one of the landing competitions, beating out a field of pilots from Embry-Riddle, much to Daher’s satisfaction.

Daher said the team also had members score seventh and ninth in the navigation event.

Team coach Randy Baudendistel said this year’s

finish had a tempering effect on the team.

“It’s a tougher competition every year,” he said. “(We’re) definitely going to be stronger.”

Vezzuto also said he foresees a stronger team for next year’s competition.

“We’ll have a lot of new members this (coming) year, and a lot of old ones,” he said. “The ones who are now two-year veterans will be sticking around.”

He said a stronger core of veteran pilots would help the team’s chances next year.

Baudendistel said he expected to lose only 3-4 current members to graduation, including one to the Army, but added that the rest would come back.

“It kinda lit a fire,” said Vezzuto of this year’s competition. “They definitely have the drive.”



During one of the flight simulation scenarios SJSU aviation students log their flight times on the approach landing at Monterey Peninsula Airport. **Photo by Jasper Rubenstein / Spartan Daily**

## FORENSICS: Oral argumentation and debate skills put on display by communication students

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skills and experience in their respective fields.

“The first time is really nerve-racking,” said senior communication major Alicia Garavaglia, a former member of the SJSU forensics team who came to the event to help out.

“I remember someone telling me, ‘Don’t watch the other people before you because it kind of freaks you out,’ and I don’t think I really ever watched the people before me,” Garavaglia said. “Then eventually, it just becomes fun. It’s not nerve-racking anymore.”

Junior engineering major Tyler Hutchings and junior hospitality major Scott Brinkman were set to compete in the debate section of the competition for their class, Argumentation and Advocacy, but when they reported to their assigned room, the team that they were set to face against never showed.

“(The experience has) been pretty good, I haven’t gotten to debate yet, but other than that, everyone’s nice, everything worked out, but no debate.”

Hutchings was unsure how the situation would affect his and Brinkman’s chances in the competition, but said he remained positive looking forward to the upcoming rounds, reviewing their research to ensure they would be ready.

“We have three different debates, one for each round, and we don’t know what side we are on until we get there, so you have to (research) both sides or otherwise you don’t know what’s going on,” Hutchings said.

Jessica Stoltz, a senior communication major, had taken classes to be trained to judge debate and served for the first time in this semester’s tournament.

“It’s very interesting, it’s very structured,” she said. “I have a whole script here, what I was supposed to say. It’s very tedious and I wasn’t exactly expecting that, so it was kind of cool.”

David Khedry, senior business administration major, competes on the forensics team in extemporaneous and impromptu speaking, and helped run Friday’s tournament.

“This is fun for us to do, because we get to put this on for the other students and they get to have a shot at it,” Khedry said. “They get to experience what we get to experience, so I’m having a lot of fun.”

The tournament started at 1p.m. and went on until the awards ceremony at 4:45p.m., where the students who made it through the rounds received awards in Moorhead Hall.

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3	6	7	2	1	5	8	9	4
6	9	3	7	5	8	1	4	2
5	1	2	9	6	4	7	8	3
7	4	8	1	3	2	9	5	6

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### Today’s Crossword Puzzle

#### ACROSS

- Narrative story
- Most frequent, poetically
- Emulated a trencherman
- Wife of Osiris
- Dinero
- Partner of “games”
- Formula for a baked English dish?
- Dr. Leary used it on some trips
- Was in charge of
- Reveal, as medical information
- Around-the-world trip
- Yes at sea
- Eucalyptus eater
- Foreshadow
- Greater in excellence
- Match at poker
- Most likely to seep through cracks
- Formula for a Thanksgiving dessert?
- One who might test a parent’s patience
- Teeny mischief maker
- Ran out, as a subscription
- Like some furniture
- “In the doghouse,” for one
- Some rustic parents
- Warfare opponent
- Women’s sleeveless undergarments
- Snaky fish
- He works on a case-by-case basis
- Formula for a fowl dinner?
- Rockhound’s find
- Actress Brennan
- Dry as a desert
- Vermilion, e.g.
- Breastbones
- Salon colorings

#### DOWN

- “\_\_\_ the season to be jolly”
- \_\_\_ salts (bath ad-

#### Previous Puzzle Solved

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- Burnt-log residue
- Tell a whopper
- Liveliness of mind
- Black cat, to some
- Word on a gift tag
- Hot alcoholic drink
- Spokescow
- Easily duped people
- Most heavyset
- Not submerged
- Small skirmish
- Make beloved
- Love’s opposite
- It has regular drawings
- Photo \_\_\_ (campaign events)
- Lobster and beluga products
- Witches’ concoction
- Become a new father, in a way
- Widely known
- Bingo relative
- Orange “Sesame Street” Muppet
- Express lane count
- \_\_\_ salts (bath ad-
- divite)
- Religious recluses
- Rug feature
- Islamic leader
- Be nosy
- Roman executing sentences
- Stay attached
- \_\_\_ together (assembled)
- Opposite of shallow
- Confess to ease stress
- Haggard of country music
- One who inquires
- Diamonds or spades, e.g.
- Sicilian erupter
- Suffix for “velvet”
- Attempt
- Dessert that ties into the puzzle’s theme
- They’re needed to see some movie

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# Don't plan for an uncertain future



By  
Matthew  
Gerring

According to the Wall Street Journal, China will soon begin cutting back on college major programs that produce “unemployable” graduates. The problem, according to the Journal, is that China has too many college graduates.

“The surge of college grads, while an accomplishment for the country, has contributed to an overflow of workers whose skill-sets don’t match with the needs of the export-led, manufacturing-based economy,” the article said. Naturally, commenters at the Journal website immediately chimed in with all kinds of jokes about philosophy majors asking you if you want fries with that, and “yeah, why don’t we get rid of those god-damn Chicano studies majors,

and while we’re at it, unqualified Blacks!”. This was one of my favorite comments: “You have to realize that the so-called ‘market’ becomes skewed when an entire generation of people hit the college scene who think they are entitled to be whatever they want to be in life.” God, I know, we’re so unreasonable to feel entitled to the freedom to define our own lives, because as everyone knows, college is about subjugating your life’s plans to the

logic and needs of the Market, and anything else is a frivolous waste of time. I’m not interested in mounting a defense of what we now call the Liberal Arts, except to point out that China’s wealth as a nation has risen and fallen over the centuries, but its intellectual heritage has been a bedrock of the development of politics, ethics and morality for millennia. What I really want to know is, to what end is China instituting these policies? And for that matter, by what rubric do we decide in this country what is a useful field of study and what is frivolous? When the President talks about education, it’s never in the language of the intellectual development of our citizens, but about the impact they are able to have on the economy, and the extent to which this will make America “stronger” or “weaker” based on the way our economy works at the moment. But our economy, and the modern version of capitalism to which we are trying to bend our education system to fit, as well as the idea of the nation as it’s currently conceived, were all voluntary creations, not historical inevitabilities, and are all subject to change at any time. The very idea of trying to “prepare a generation” for a certain future, the way China is trying to do and the way some education reformers in this country would certainly like to, is futile, and saying that we are “preparing” the next generation by trying to make sure they’re educated for the “jobs of the future” reeks of the kind of historical determinism that failed so miserably in China in the first place. Case in point: after years of warning of a dire nursing shortage, and using state funds to subsidize nursing education, there is now a massive glut of nursing graduates in California, some of whom can’t even get unpaid internships to build up the experience that the few available jobs say they need.

After the fall of the Soviet Union, Francis Fukuyama declared in a now famous essay (and, I would argue, an infamous face-plant) that we had reached “The End of History”, and that liberal democracy and free-market capitalism had won. Meanwhile, politically repressive regimes like China’s, and democratically elected socialist governments like Brazil’s, have had massive economic success, and we’re still fighting wars to force on other countries a system of government that thinkers in the late ‘80s had declared “inevitable”. The competition of ideas and ideologies goes on unabated. It appears that what has failed, at every turn, is any idea or policy based on historical inevitability. This is why the proposed change to China’s education system is an awful idea, and why treating a university like it’s supposed to be a vocational school is similarly a bad idea. Ideas remain important, whether or not there’s any money in coming up with them.

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# CHECKING OUT

## Students to leave Clarion Hotel

by Jackson Wright  
Staff Writer

Junior animation major Hugo Garcia said when he eventually moved backed to campus from the Clarion Hotel, where he started living at the start of the semester, he expected it would be with his current roommate.

Unfortunately for Garcia, that was not the case.

“Now we’re set to be living on separate floors — he’s living with two other people, which he’s mad about,” Garcia said. “I’m in a double, so it’s not that bad, but still we didn’t pay for that.”

Garcia is one of approximately 90 students that were moved to the hotel by housing after on-campus housing overfilled, according to an article from the Spartan Daily published Sept 1.

“They gave us a room change form and then they asked us questions like where we wanted to move into and everything,” said Alex Frank, Garcia’s roommate and sophomore music composition major. “Apparently (they) didn’t look at that at all, because I’m now not with my roommate and in a triple which were both not on my list.”

Living so far from campus has proven to be a challenge, Garcia said. The three miles between him and his classes and the Dining Commons has created a financial hardship for him.

“It’s pretty awful,” he said. “It’s really hard because before I didn’t have to spend money

on gas, now I have to pay (for) gas and if I want to eat I have to go to the DC and I have to take my car. But I don’t have a parking permit, and now I have to pay for the parking space.”

Due to these circumstances, Garcia said it’s hard to utilize his meal plan at the DC and as a result he ends up buying food elsewhere.

Kevina Brown, housing community relations coordinator, said students living at the Clarion will be moved into the spaces that have opened up by cancellations from current residents in Joe West and in the Bricks.

“We sent a letter out to the students at the Clarion saying that since there’s room on campus that we would be moving them back,” she said. “We also gave them the option of signing up for next year.”

Brown said housing is still looking at options to make sure that a similar situation does not happen again – a first step has already been taken in moving the priority registration date forward.

First year students now must sign up before May 1, and once spots fill up, there won’t be anymore spaces available, Brown said.

Students moving out of the Clarion will have the same move-in dates as those just signing up to move in, starting Sunday, Jan. 22 and ending Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 10 p.m.

Housing’s main goal was to move the students back to campus and unfortunately it

may not be in the exact assignment that they had originally requested, Brown said.

“They are making every-one move back to campus with no discount at all,” said sophomore advertising major Danielle Escobar. “I am actually canceling my housing contract and moving back to home to commute to campus two days a week.”

Frank said he plans to complain to housing about the room assignment he received. He said he wouldn’t mind living in a triple if it was with his roommate, but he isn’t satisfied with the current situation.

“I chose him because I like living with him,” Frank said. “I had an unpleasant roommate my first semester, but I got moved with two random people that I don’t know and he got moved to a different floor and it’s a little frustrating, so I’m going to go talk to them about it.”

In a press conference with members of the Spartan Daily, SJSU President Qayoumi said, regarding the issue of the students having been displaced to the Clarion, that he aims to look at the issue in the long term.

“Our hope is as we look towards next year, see how we can really put our plans together, so we can avoid those situations and also how we can already look at the long term issue in terms of building more housing as well as dining facilities so that we can really accommodate the needs of our students.”

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